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4. (Currently Amended): Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said the interior region comprises carbon dioxide so as to provide an air-free environment therein.

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9. (Currently Amended): Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said the top end of said main body includes comprises a mount, wherein and said cover is removably attachable to said mount on said main body.

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15. (Original): Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said cover comprises a port therein, said port being configured to permit access between said exterior region and said interior region of said main body.

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17. (Currently Amended): Apparatus according to claim $\frac{15}{1}$ wherein said the port comprises an entire Luer lock fitting.

- 18. (Currently Amended): Apparatus according to claim $\frac{15}{2}$ wherein said the port comprises an instrument passageway.
- 19. (Original): Apparatus according to claim 18 wherein said instrument passageway comprises a penetrable seal.
- 20. (Original): Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said cover comprises a substantially rigid material.
- 21. (Original): Apparatus according to claim 20 wherein said substantially rigid material comprises polycarbonate.
- 22. (Currently Amended): Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said the sealing means comprises a vacuum seal.
- 23. (Currently Amended): Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said sealing the securing means comprises hooks.

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CLAIMS 1-16 (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering a substance to a substance to a substance to provide the bitsed years, said method comprising:

permissionally introducing an access tube as an implanted point having a flow passage way with an upstream and, a downstream and, and a valve element in the flow passage way and integrably formed with the point, wherein the access rube is introduced to acce in the passage but dose not engage the valve element and referring the flow passage is connected directly to the blood record; and

introducing said substance into the flow passage through the access tube at a pressure sufficient to open the valve element to permit flow densigh the flow passageway to the buyer-she-bigod vessel.

- 18. (Original) A method as in claim 17 further comprising repeatedly accessing the implanted part with said access tube through the same access ment at intervals and over a time period sufficient to cause sear tissue formation over the access trans.
- 19. (Original) A method as in claims 17 further comprising locating said implanted port by amountly aligning the secess tube with a line from its tkin entry point of an access tract to the sperime on the port.
- 20. (Previously presented) A method as in civin 17 further comprising focusing the port by manually feeling the port to determine the position of the specture.
 - 21. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 17, wherein precutaneously introducing further comprises introducing the access rule damping a skin layer overlying the implemed part having a taickness in the range from 1 out to 20 mm.
 - 33 (Original) A method as in claim 17, wherein the access take comprises a bitum cannots.
 - 23. (Original) A method as in claim 17, wherein the introducing step comprises arizoning the access tube generally vertically with respect to the skin and acc.

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 (Currently Amended) A method for delivering a substance to a subsulareasse target cite <u>blind years</u>, said method comprising;

perturaneously introducing an occast tube as an implanted port having a flow passageway with an upstream end, a downstream end, and a valve element in the flow passageway and integrally formed with the port, wherein the access rule is introduced to seat in the passage has dose not engage the valve element and wherein the flow passage is connected simplify to the bleed result; and

introducing said substance into the flow parage through the access tube at a pressum sufficient to open the valve element to permit flow through the flow passageway to the larged ride; blood 16525.

- 18. (Original) A method as in claim 17 further comprising represently accessing the implanted part with said access tube through the same access much at intervals and twen a linux period sufficient to cause sear tissue formation over the access tract.
- 19. (Original) A method as in claims 17 further comprising locating said implanted port by manually aligning the access tube with a line from the tkin entry point of an access tract to the specture on the port.
- 20. (Previously presented) A method as in claim 17 further comprising locating the part by manually feeling the part to determine the position of the sperme.
 - 21. (Previously presented) A method is in claim 17, wherein percutaneously introducing further comprises introducing the access rule durings a skin layer overlying the implemed part having a talekness in the range from 8 mm to 20 mm.
 - 33. (Criginal) A method as in claim 17, wherein the access take comprises a blass cannota.
 - 23. (Original) A method as in claim 17, wherein the introducing step comprises criaming the access tube generally vertically with respect to the skin auriace.

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